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**Claim 1.** A computer network system used to informed concerned entities that a person has died, said computer network system comprising:

    a hospital notification center which transmits a death notice to a funeral home informing the funeral home of the death of an individual;

    a funeral home to receive the death notice from the hospital notification center,

    said funeral home being linked by a computer network to concerned entities;

    concerned entities linked to said computer network to the funeral home,

    said concerned entities including an insurance company having a policy on the individual who has died and the Social Security Administration.

**Claim 2.** The computer network system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said concerned entities linked to the computer network and the funeral home also include a government entity charged with maintaining vital statistics within a community including deaths.

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**Claim 3.** The computer network system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said hospital notification center is linked to said funeral home by a digital transmitting medium and hardware capable of transmitting a digital signal from the hospital notification center which can be received by the funeral home.

**Claim 4.** The computer network system as claimed in claim 3, also including a pension plan administration office linked to said funeral home through the computer network to receive and transmit digital signals.

**Claim 5.** A method to transmit death notices to concerned entities comprising the steps of:

- a. providing a death notice from a patient care facility to a funeral home;
- b. the funeral home transmitting the death notice to concerned entities linked to the funeral home including any insurance companies and the Social Security Administration; and
- c. said concerned entities that receive said death notice from the funeral home retaining data transmitted and acting on said data to

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provide any compensation due to beneficiaries of the person covered by the death notice.